

SENATE CAUCUS  
WILL BE QUIET

Only Fight at Meeting Tonight  
to Be For President Pro-  
Tem Position.

## RACE IS NOW BETWEEN TWO

Both E. L. Mitchell and C. C.  
Shaw Declare They Are  
Assured of Place.

Selection of president pro-tem of the senate of the Oklahoma legislature will be finally made at a caucus to be held tonight, and Senator E. L. Mitchell of Cheyenne, Roger Mills county, will be the choice. If the assertions of his friends, waterbury, Senator Mitchell says he now has twenty-eight votes, pledged to him and if this holds good in the final test of strength he will land the place. However, Senator C. C. Shaw is just as sure that he has it. No other candidates are in the race to preside over the upper house.

## Both Qualified.

It is believed that all preliminaries in the organization of the upper house will be completed at the caucus tonight without hitch. There was really no great fight on any of the places and with the race for president pro-tem down to two aspirants it is believed the one showing the greatest strength on the first trial will have full sway after that. It is realized that either one of the candidates would make a splendid presiding officer, both having had experience in legislative matters and acquainted with the rules governing parliamentary procedure.

Senator M. S. Blasingame of Salt Lake, one of the holdovers in the senate, will be permanent chairman of the upper house caucus. It is understood that this has been decided upon. He was named as temporary chairman and this will be made permanent at the caucus tonight. Senator Blasingame is one of the best posted members in the senate and will make a good floor leader.

## Morris Is Certain.

There will be no fight made on Joe S. Morris as secretary of the senate by reason of being secretary of the state election board. In fact the argument is being used that inasmuch as he was secretary of the election board during the last two elections and that these elections were handled without even complaint from the Republicans there is no reason for a change in the office.

This phase of the situation appealed to the members of the senate and they were satisfied to let it go at that. Other officers of the senate will probably be selected tonight. Charley Roff is believed to be in the lead for sergeant-at-arms, but there are several applicants for the place. None of the employees will be named at the caucus tonight, although it is understood that some have been assured of support.

It is believed the same ideas of economy will be carried out in the senate as in the house regarding the number of employees. In the latter place it is understood that advice from an official source caused precaution in the number of employees in the house. It is possible this measure will not be necessary in the upper house.

TRAIL OF GRAIN  
CAUSES ARRESTS

Hole in Sack of Stolen Chicken Feed  
Proves Undoing of Eight Negroes  
Held For Investigation.

Eight negroes, suspects in a grain robbery from the Dunn Feed company, 429 West Second street, last night were arrested this morning and are held pending investigation by the city police.

A clear trail left by a stream of grain which escaped from a hole in a sack was found this morning by employees at the grain yard, and was followed to a negro shanty on West Second street.

When told of the way in which they were detected the negroes looked at each other and grinned. The trail of chicken feed led to a negro house, and up the stairs to a room in which the grain was found, without a break in the trail.

Much petty thievery has gone unprosecuted lately according to the police and owners of the grain company. The negroes if guilty will be heavily fined in order to stamp out the trouble in that part of town. It is said.

## "BOB" BURMAN BREAKS

## THREE WORLD RECORDS

Bakersfield, Cal., Jan. 4.—"Bob" Burman, in a sanctioned race with Barney Oldfield here, broke the official records of the American Automobile association for the five miles, 25 miles and 50 miles distant on a one-mile circular dirt track. He cut the five mile time from 4:06:12 to 4:02. His fifty miles were done in 40:58, as against 47:21 by Oldfield at San Jose, and his 25 miles in 20:28:45, as against the previous best time of 22:20.

## MOTHER DEPLANCH DEAD;

## WAS FOUNDER OF COLLEGE

Asheville, N. C., Jan. 4.—Mother Deplanch, head of the Sisters of the order of Christian Education in the United States, and mother superior of St. Genevieve's college, which she founded here in 1908, died in a hospital at Baltimore, according to information received here.

MOB HANGS  
TWO BLACKS  
WHO KILLED

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 4.—Ed and Will Smith, negroes, charged with hanging two in the assassination of H. A. S. Smith, a rich farmer, were taken from jail at Wetumpka, Alabama, today and were hung by a mob. The mob arrived too late to save the victims.

It was reported over long distance telephone to Governor O'Neal's office here at 2:15 o'clock this morning that a mob had taken three prisoners from the Wetumpka jail, fifteen miles from Montgomery. Adjutant General Smith has been ordered to call out the three Montgomery companies of militia.

## MORE EVIDENCE.

A final statement of the total receipts of the Oklahoma City postoffice for the year 1914 compiled today by Postmaster H. G. Eastman shows a gain of \$62,439 over the previous twelve months period.

The receipts for the calendar year 1913 were \$377,570.01 while for 1914 they were \$110,000.01. This gain is considered additional and substantial evidence of increasing prosperity of Oklahoma City.

MOTHER'S DEATH  
AFTER CHILDS

Slow Poison Kills Second Member of  
Family; Woman's Husband and His  
Former Wives Refuse to Talk.

New York, Jan. 4.—Slow poison administered six days ago by Mrs. Ann Rogers to her two babies and herself resulted in the death today of the older child, John, aged two. Loretta, eight months old, died last Wednesday. The mother's death is expected.

Loris Elton Rogers, a lawyer, who is known as her husband to the neighborhood in the Bronx where they lived still kept his stall as the sick woman's husband. He had no comment to make, nor did Mrs. Annie Rosemore Rogers, who divorced Rogers in 1909, nor Mrs. Caroline Giddings Rogers, who married Rogers in 1902, and lived with him till last October on Riverside drive.

BUY IT SOONER,  
AID BUSINESS

Nation Wide Campaign to Cause Re-  
vival of Commercial Activity Is  
Launched at Omaha.

Omaha, Jan. 4.—A nation-wide campaign to assist in revival of business activity under the slogan "Buy It Now" was launched here by the Agricultural Publishers association, and the national association of farm papers today.

Briefly the movement purposes to quicken commercial and manufacturing lines by hastening purchases which in the ordinary course of affairs must be made sooner or later. An appeal is directed particularly to farmers who are to be urged to buy necessary implements and materials now rather than to wait until spring.

The plan does not urge indiscriminate buying by rather economical buying of those things which must be bought later.

The committee report which presented the plan pointed out that "the farm population alone is nearly 40,000,000." And that the average expenditure of one dollar would place more than \$400,000,000 in circulation.

## NO MORE DISEASE

Dr. F. M. Brewer Returns to Okla-  
homa City After Aiding in Kentucky  
Hoof and Mouth Fight.

Dr. F. M. Brewer, inspector in charge for Oklahoma of the federal bureau of animal industry, returned today to Oklahoma City from Louisville, Ky., where he has been for the last several weeks assisting local officials in stamping out the foot and mouth disease among cattle. Dr. Brewer says all efforts have been successful in handling the disease and there is none of it now.

A great many head of livestock were killed in the process of preventing the spread, that being the only effective way final control could be gained. It is believed the disease got started from a shipment of hides from Argentina destined to a northern city.

## VALUABLE DIAMOND GONE;

## CHICAGO BOY IS HELD

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 4.—Whereabouts of the \$10,000 unset diamond snatched from the show window of a downtown jewelry store here still is unknown. Members of the jewelry firm said a partial inventory taken disclosed no other valuables missing.

James Williams, 17, of Chicago, arrested in a chase that followed the breaking of the window glass and theft of the jewels, is held on warrants charging burglary and theft. Police are investigating a story that a boy on a motorcycle received the stolen diamond.

## PALACE OF ARTS SPACE

## IS AWARDED TO GERMANY

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—Two large blocks of space in the Palace of Liberal Arts have been awarded to the German government by the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. It has been announced.

PRZEMYSL ARMY  
FACING HUNGER

Lack of Food Reported at City  
and Garrison in Galicia; Pes-  
tilence Is Spreading.

## HAVE LESS VIGOR IN ATTACKS

Troops Appear Dishearted Fol-  
lowing Failure of Austrian  
Relief Forces.

Lemberg, Galicia, Jan. 4.—It is reported here that pestilence is spreading in the city and among the garrison at Przemyśl, which now is almost without provisions. Ineffective sorties still continue from Przemyśl, but they are less vigorously pushed. This is due, it is thought, to the garrison's knowledge of the failure of the Austrian relief forces to break through the Russian lines.

Petrograd, Jan. 4.—An official communication says:

"On the night of January 2 we discovered a passage of the Germans across the Bzura in the vicinity of Kozloff and Biskupia, having watched the concentration of the enemy's forces, one of our glorious regiments surrounded the Germans. They attacked them with bayonet without firing a shot and in the hand to hand struggle which followed, killed several hundred men. The survivors saved their lives by surrendering."

"In Galicia, fighting around Gorlice and Kakhovka continues."

"Near Enock Pass and Rostok, we progressed. We drove back the enemy, who fled in great disorder. We captured 2,000 prisoners and some antiaircrafts. Several companies of Austrians surrendered in a body. In the retreat to Ussok, the Austrians abandoned arms and ammunition. Our offensive in Bukovina continues."

Paris, Jan. 4.—An official statement today says:

"From the sea to the Oise the day passed in almost complete calm. The weather is rainy. In front of Neu-Brettes our artillery reduced the German batteries to silence."

"On the Aisne and in the Champagne district cannonading was particularly violent. Our batteries showed their superiority and brought under their fire the reserve forces of the enemy. We became possessed of several points of support held by the Germans near Perthes and of Mesnilles-lurais."

"Between the Arzonne and the Meuse, as well as on the heights of the Meuse there has been intermittent cannonading. An effort made yesterday by our troops to occupy Bourboulles did not succeed."

"Our advance continued in the forest of Leprieux, which is northwest of Pont-a-Mousson."

"In upper Alsace we occupied the important heights to the west of Cerney. A counter attack by the enemy was repulsed."

"In Seltzbach, we have taken possession of the vicinity of the church and of the cemetery."

Berlin, Jan. 4.—An official communication says:

"Only near Thann, Alsace, did the enemy show any great activity today. After an overwhelming bombardment of the heights to the west of Sennelager, the enemy succeeded during the evening in capturing our demolished trenches on those heights and in occupying the village of Sennelager. The heights were retaken during the night after a bayonet attack. Fighting for the village of Sittenbach continues."

"In the eastern theatre the situation is unchanged. Our attacks in Poland to the east of the Rawa river continues."

## HE HAS A GOOD TIME

Veteran Soldier Enjoys Life in Okla-  
homa City When Not in Jail—Paroled  
Fourth Time to Depart.

Three times within the last few days paroled to leave town, and each time to land back in the city jail on a drunk charge has been the experience of Clint Parkhurst an aged soldier who was for the fourth time asked to leave town by Judge Price this morning. Parkhurst, as the 70-year-old man gave his name, has been having the time of his life since he came to this city several days ago, and barring the time he has spent in jail, says he has enjoyed himself.

He declares that he served through the civil war, spent several years in the famous Andersonville prison, and was wounded several times during the war. He says he was in the newspaper business until about ten years ago. He promised Judge Price that he would leave for parts unknown this morning, and with his "duffle bag" over his shoulder started north. Parkhurst admitted to the police this morning that his name wasn't Parkhurst, but that it was the first name that came to his mind when arrested.

## WOMAN STATE SENATOR

## IS APPOINTED IN OREGON

Salem, Ore., Jan. 4.—Governor Oswald West has announced the appointment of Miss Kathryn Clark of Gladvale, to be state senator to fill a vacancy.

The attorney general had ruled that the governor had no constitutional authority to make the senatorial appointment. If seated Miss Clark will be the first woman senator to serve in the Oregon senate.

Latest Photo of the Kaiser, Showing How  
His Hair Is Turning Gray Since War Began

This is the latest photo of Kaiser Wilhelm. He is wearing his new gray field uniform, and it is the first picture taken of him since he adopted it. But the striking thing about the photo is his confirmation of statements in several cable dispatches from correspondents who have recently seen him that his hair has turned gray. Photographs of the Kaiser taken before the war show him with iron gray hair containing more black than gray. The change in his appearance is therefore very noticeable.

Singer, Soul Upset By Organ  
Peal, Woos Player With Gun

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 4.—The rich strains from the pipe organ in the First Presbyterian church, played by Miss Amy Aldrich, a young woman of remarkable beauty and musical talent, shook Benjamin Davenport, dramatic baritone in the church choir, to the very depths of his temperament. He was discharged and returned to St. Joseph. Here he resumed his vocal work.

No Trouble.

In the county jail office Davenport denied there had been "any trouble of a serious nature," between himself and Miss Aldrich.

"The fact is," he said, "Amy has been on the verge of a nervous breakdown for the last two or three weeks, and she hardly knows what she is doing. This is a trumped up charge against me."

He produced a card case with two photographs of Miss Aldrich, a front and a side view.

"And here's a message from her," he said. "Does this look like we'd fallen out?"

The message was just a line on a personal card saying, "Yours with love, always."

## TEST CASE IS FILED

Attorneys File Suit in Superior Court  
and Will Test Validity of the Doubt-  
ful Superior Court.

Judge C. H. Barnett took his seat on the bench of the superior court this morning and opened court. He also appointed Thomas F. Clift court stenographer. After setting the case of Hatfield vs. Thompson for January 7, the court was adjourned to that date.

In this case Mrs. Iva B. Hatfield is suing J. E. Thompson for \$375 on a note. It was stated today by Barnett and Pope, attorneys for Mrs. Hatfield, that they intend to make a test case of this to determine whether or not there is such a court as the superior court. A writ of prohibition will be asked of the supreme court, it was stated, restraining Judge Barnett from trying the case. In this way it will be brought to the supreme court immediately and a decision on the question of the validity of the office of judge of the superior court.

## EDITOR IS EXECUTED FOR

## HIS SPEECH IN MORAVIA

London, Jan. 4.—A Reuters' Amsterdam correspondent transmits a dispatch from Vienna which says a newspaper editor, Joseph Votek, of Prossnitz, Moravia, was condemned to death by court martial for a scathing speech and was executed two hours after sentence was passed upon him.

## WHEAT GOING UP.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Wheat prices topped all previous high records since the beginning of the European war here today. May delivery went to \$1.33 3/4 a bushel, as compared with \$1.32 on September 5 last, when speculative excitement in regard to trans-Atlantic developments was most acute.

The shutting out of fear of Argentine competition was the immediate cause of today's advance in the wheat market. Ocean freight rates from Argentinian have so sharply advanced that South American grain no longer is relatively cheap.

LEGISLATURE TO PROBE  
SCHOOL LAND OFFICE

Resolution Will Be Introduced in  
House Tomorrow Calling For In-  
vestigation of State Department  
Probably Paving Way For Other  
Similar Actions; Charged That  
Political Powers Have Been  
Favored With Oil Leases.

One of the first things that will be presented to the fifth Oklahoma legislature after it convenes tomorrow at noon will be a resolution calling for an investigation of the state school land department. The resolution will be introduced in the house and will provide, it is understood, for a joint committee probably of three from the house and two from the senate to conduct the probe. The introduction of the resolution probably will break the way for resolutions to investigate several other departments, also for a probe of rumors that some candidates in the recent primary and general elections exceeded the legal limit on campaign expenditures.

Much Criticism.

The state school land department has been the subject of much criticism during the past two years. In the last legislature it was probed but given a clean bill of health by the efficiency committee of the house. The house general investigating committee, however, criticized the Marland blanket oil and gas lease and made recommendations which led to legislation limiting amount of oil lands that could be leased to any one person in the future.

A recent session of the Oklahoma county grand jury after hearing some evidence submitted by State Examiner and Inspector Fred Parkinson and others, recommended that the legislature make a thorough probe of the department.

## To Probe Loans.

It is understood that matters that will be looked into by the joint probe committee of the legislature, if authorized, will be charges that certain people with a political pull have been loaned more money from the state school land fund than entitled to under the law and that favoritism is being shown in leasing the oil and other mineral lands.

John Williams, secretary and chief clerk Miller of the school land department, have resigned effective January 11. They will not therefore be in of force when a report is made. It is understood that the legislature will favor cutting down the clerical force of the department and eliminating some of the high salaried clerkships.

## KIRBY REFUSES

## TO SURRENDER

Demand For Possession of Office of  
Court Clerk by James Beatty and  
Case Will Go to Court.

A scuffle in which no one was hurt, but in which rather irritated words were passed, ensued this morning when Thomas E. Kirby and his force encountered a full alignment behind the counter on their arrival in the office of district court, said alignment being headed by James Beatty, who was in the recent election to the office of court clerk.

Just how the new force gained access to the office no one knows, as Kirby had the keys, but the fact remains that they were there and as the old incumbents filed in they were requested in earnest language to abdicate.

Complying with the instructions of his attorneys, Beatty demanded possession of the office and that Kirby and his force vacate. Kirby refused to give up the office and Beatty's attorneys will now take court action against him. The decision of the lower court will not be taken as final, however, and the case will at once be appealed to the supreme court.

The county commissioners this morning approved the bond of Beatty. This is contended by Beatty as a recognition of his qualification for the office, while the commissioners contend that it is simply passing on the validity of the bond and in no way affects the office, nor constitutes an action thereon.

Kirby is still in possession of the keys and contends that as there is a question about the office, he cannot turn over the authority to Beatty.

## SAYS SHRAPNEL SHELLS

## CAUSED SERIOUS WOUNDS

New York, Jan. 4.—Shrapnel wounds have probably been attributed to dumdum bullets and led to charges that prohibited missiles were being used in the European war, according to Dr. P. E. Walker, of Stockton, Calif., who served in the Harley ambulance corps in France. Dr. Walker, who arrived here on the steamer Arabelle from Liverpool said he failed to find any evidence of the dumdum bullets.

THRILLING PICTURES OF WAR  
TO BE SHOWN AT OVERHOLSER

Scenes of fighting in Belgium, of the burning of the principal cities, thousands of refugees fleeing the country, thrilling pictures of evacuation of towns are shown in the films secured by the Oklahoma City Press club to be shown in the Overholser theater Wednesday and Thursday of this week. These pictures were secured by a staff artist of the Chicago Tribune who was sent to Belgium to take them. They represent war conditions as they are, and are the only moving pictures taken in Belgium at the time following the first attack of the Germans.

There are four reels, showing the battle of Alost, of Malines, the destruction of Tervuerne and the flood-

ing of Pierre. Many other scenes are included in the collection. There is no plot to the pictures, other than the tale they tell of actualities. The pictures have already been shown in many of the eastern cities and everywhere great crowds have attended the theaters to get a glimpse, first hand, of the horrible conflict in the European countries.

R. J. Edwards, an Oklahoma City man, who has seen the pictures, says they are the most wonderful he had ever seen, and the story they tell holds the spectators fast until the lights fade away on the last scene.

These pictures will be exhibited Wednesday and Thursday of this week, for the admission price of 10 and 20 cents.